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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Miyuki SASAKI et al.

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For: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, INFORMATION RECORDING
METHOD, INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS, INFORMATION
REPRODUCING METHOD, AND INFORMATION REPRODUCING
APPARATUS

Examiner: Etienne Pierre Leroux

Art Unit: 2161

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 2, 2006

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully
requested in view of the following comments.